

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the Constitution of the United States of America to conduct a count of the population and provides a historic opportunity for the City of Austin to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS, more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based on census data, including healthcare, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment, and much more; and

WHEREAS, census data determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Census creates hundreds of thousands of jobs across the nation; and

WHEREAS, every Census Bureau worker takes a lifetime oath to protect confidentiality and ensure that data identifying respondents or their household not be released or shared for 72 years; and

WHEREAS, a united voice from businesses, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will allow the 2010 Census message to reach a broader audience, providing trusted advocates who can spark positive conversations about the 2010 Census;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City of Austin supports the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage participation; and

That Council asks people in the City of Austin to partner together to achieve an accurate and complete count; and

That Council encourages people in the City of Austin to participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census and increase participation among all populations.

ADOPTED: _____, 2009 **ATTEST:** _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

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